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In re Application of)
Richard E. Whipp et al.) Group Art Unit: 2166
Serial No.: 09/912,958)
Filed: July 25, 2001) Customer No. 00832
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE AUTO-)
MATED RELEASE OF A VEHICLE TO ONE OF A) Examiner: TBD
PLURALITY OF DIFFERENT USERS)
) Continuation-In-Part of
) Serial No. 09/602,741
) Filed June 23, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants request that the following Preliminary Amendment, filed in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Approval of Drawing Changes, be entered in the present application prior to the initial examination of the present application.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please revise Figures 2 and 5 as set forth in the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

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It is requested that changes be made in Figures 2 and 5 as indicated in red in the attached drawing sheets. These changes are requested in conjunction with the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

The following specific changes are requested:

Figure 2:

Delete the label "CELLULAR TELEPHONE NETWORK" contained in block 66 and substitute the label --WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK-- therefor.

Figure 5:

Delete the label "SECURE WEBPAGE SERVER" contained in block 98 and substitute the label --INTERNAL INTERACTIVE CONTENT SERVER-- therefor; and delete the label "PUBLIC WEBPAGE SERVER" contained in block 100 and substitute the label --PUBLIC INTERACTIVE CONTENT SERVER-- therefor.

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Applicants submit that the above revisions are supported by the disclosure of Figures 2 and 5 of parent application Serial No. 09/602,741, which disclosure is being continued in the present continuation-in-part application, and that no new matter is being introduced thereby. Copies of the formal drawing sheets for Figures 2 and 5 of parent application Serial No. 09/602,741 are also enclosed.

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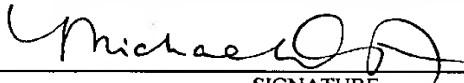
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